

What is claimed is:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image forming unit for forming an image on a sheet including a first discharge stacker for stacking the sheet, and
5 first sheet discharge means for discharging the sheet in a discharge direction to the first discharge stacker,

a sheet finishing unit arranged above the image forming unit for performing a finishing process on the sheet discharged from the image forming unit, said sheet finishing unit including
10 a second discharge stacker for stacking the sheet, and second sheet discharge means for discharging the sheet in a direction same as the discharge direction, and

an image reading unit for scanning an original set on a platen, said image reading unit being arranged above the sheet
15 finishing unit such that a scanning direction thereof is substantially perpendicular to the discharge direction.

2. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image reading unit is arranged at a position shifted relative to
20 the first discharge stacker and the second discharge stacker toward a backside in the discharge direction.

3. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image forming unit, said sheet finishing unit, and said image
25 reading unit are retained in separate casings, respectively.

4. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said sheet finishing unit further includes finishing means arranged on one of a left side and a right side of the second discharge
30 stacker, and said second sheet discharge means includes drive

means arranged on the other of the left side and the right side of the second discharge stacker.

5 5. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said sheet finishing unit is provided with a mounting member for mounting the image reading unit on the sheet finishing unit.

10 6. An image forming apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said mounting member includes a side support portion protruding from the sheet finishing unit toward a backside in the discharge direction.

15 7. An image forming apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said mounting member includes a flat portion for mounting the sheet finishing unit and at least two stems connected to the flat portion.

20 8. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image reading unit includes an original feeding unit for feeding the original in the scanning direction.

25 9. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said sheet finishing unit includes at least one means for punching a hole, stapling and marking on the sheet.